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Finding Aid

Margaret Breden Ham Sharp fonds

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Margaret Breden Ham fonds [textual record]. [18-] – 1947 – 6 cm of graphic and textual records.

Biographical Sketch

Margaret “Maggie” Armstrong Breden (1865 – 1957) was born October 23, 1865 to William Breden and her mother, Mary Ann McKee. She had two sisters, Dr. Wilhelmena Breden and a Mrs. Davis. Margaret married her first husband, George Ira Ham on May 28, 1884 and they had two children, Harry Breden Ham, born May 23, 1885 and Annie Almeda Ham, known as Eno, on May 4, 1888. George died in 1914 and Margaret remarried Sir Henry Sharp in 1923 and became Lady Sharp. She died December 30th, 1957 and is buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles, California.

In 1906 Margaret Breden Ham donated \$1000.00 to the Odessa Public Library Board to be used in the purchase of a building for a library. A year later, the Library Board purchased the A.Y. Kenyon brick house on Main Street in Odessa (Lot 180) and they named the library in honour of her. Over the years, Lady Sharp would donate photos to the library and send them well wishes. To this day, the Odessa Public Library is known as the Margaret Breden Ham Memorial building.

George Ira Ham was born April 7, 1862 to Almeda Haight and Ira Ham. He lived in South Fredericksburgh and married Margaret on May 28, 1884 in the village of Odessa. The original marriage certificate was completed incorrectly and Margaret had the record corrected with the help of lawyers, Herrington, Warner and Grange in July 1920. In 1890 George moved the family to Mexico City, but in 1910 he was put in prison on account of his defunct United States Banking Company and claims that he misappropriated funds. He was there for about 3 years, until W.S. Herrington, a lawyer in Napanee was able to go down and free him. Upon his release from prison, the family moved to Whittier (now Los Angeles) California. He died in a car accident on April 12, 1914 and is buried in Rosedale Cemetery, Los Angeles, California.

Harry Breden Ham was born May 23, 1885 in South Fredericksburgh to Margaret and George Ira Ham. He moved with his family in 1890 to Mexico City and later on moved to Los Angeles. According to his obituary, he attended the Royal Military College in Kingston and was a graduate of Yale University. Before World War I he was an auto race driver in Los Angeles and during the war distinguished himself as a flying ace. He married Helen ? and had two daughters, Lucita and Myra. He was associated with the motion picture industry for many years and acted as well as being a sales executive. He died on July 27, 1943 in Los Angeles of a heart attack. He is buried at the Forest Lawn Memorial park (Glendale) cemetery in Los Angeles County, California.

Annie Almeda Ham, known as Eno, was born on May 4th, 1888 to Margaret and George Ira Ham. In 1890 she moved to Mexico with her family and married her first husband William Kurtz Johnson on November 16, 1908 in Mexico. He died soon after and she remarried to Ely Eliot Palmer of Providence Rhode Island on June 19, 1913. They had one son, named George. Her

husband, Ely Palmer was in the US Diplomatic Corps, and they travelled and lived all over the world including India (1908), Paris (1913-1918), Madrid (1916-1921), Bucharest (1921-1929), Vancouver (1929-1933), Jerusalem (1933-1935), Ottawa (1935-1938), Beirut (1938-1941), Sidney Australia (1941-1944) and her husband was in Afghanistan from 1945-1949 but it is not known if she went with him. Eno later wrote a book called "From Mexico to India" about her travels in 1908 and published it in 1918. She died in 1961 and is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in San Bernardino County, California.

Sources used: Ham Family File; Notes in PastPerfect

Custodial History

Items originally donated to the Odessa Public Library from the Ham/Sharp family.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of the following series: Breden-Ham-Sharp family photographs, Publications and Clippings from the Breden, Ham, and Sharp family members.

Notes:

Source of supplied title

Title based on contents of fonds

Immediate source of acquisition

Transferred from the County of Lennox and Addington Information Services in 1987 (1987.122 and 1987.96).

Restrictions on access

All records subject to Access to Information and Privacy Act

Finding aids

Detailed finding aid available.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Access Points:

Odessa, Ontario

Odessa, Public Library

Ham Family

Breden Ham Family

Sharp Family

Mexico

California, USA

Series Descriptions and Folder Listings

Series 1: Breden-Ham-Sharp family photographs – [18-] – 1947 – 16 photographs

Scope and Content

The series consists of 16 photographs of members of the Breden, Ham, and Sharp family members, notably Margaret Breden Ham Sharp, who donated money for the Odessa Public Library.

Notes:

Source of supplied title:

Title based on contents of series.

Arrangement:

Series arranged by archivist.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Folder Listing:

Box	File #	Description	Dates
Series 1: Breden-Ham-Sharp family photographs			
1	1	B&W group photograph of George Ham and his wife Margaret and their children Harry and Eno. – N-11808	August 1900
1	1	B&W photograph of Eno Ham in her wedding dress holding a bunch of flowers. Her veil is over her head and she is looking down. It is the side view. – N-11809	November 18, 1908
1	1	B&W photograph of a group of people standing on the steps to All Souls' Parish Church People identified: Mr. Martin, Miss Piercy, Mrs. Browbill; Harry Breden Ham; Nellie Culiffe (sp?) Mrs. Finlay, George Sharp; Hals ? - N-11810	April 5, 1923
1	1	B&W photograph of Dr. Wilhelmena Breden, Margaret Ham's sister. She is sitting on a couch with her head resting on her left arm. There is a deerskin cap to her left and an open magazine with a photograph of a group of people showing and a fan sitting by her left foot. – N-11811	[19-]
1	1	B&W photograph of Margaret, her daughter Eno and Eno's son George as a little boy – N-11812	1917
1	1	B&W photograph of Lady Sharp (Margaret Breden	[19-]

		Ham) from a magazine. – N-11813	
1	1	B&W photograph of Lady Margaret Breden Ham Sharp sitting in a chair with her face turned away from the camera. She is holding a large feather in her right hand. – N-11814	August 1924
1	2	B&W photograph of Lady Margaret Sharp as an older woman sitting down to dinner. She is wearing a hat and has a V victory broach on her collar – N-11815	March 26, 1944
1	2	B&W photograph of a man in a suit sitting in a chair with his legs crossed – N-11816	[18-]
1	2	B&W photograph of Harry Breden Ham in military uniform [Royal Military College, Kingston] – N-11817	September 1904
1	2	B&W photograph of Lady Margaret Sharp standing in front of a fire place in elegant dress with headband and holding a large feather in her right hand. – N-11818	1927
1	2	B&W photograph of Lady Margaret Sharp with her son Harry Breden Ham and his daughter Cita holding a doll – N-11819	1928
1	2	B&W photograph of Lady Margaret Sharp with Clara and other women holding several hundred 'cuddly dolls'. – N-11820	[194-?]
1	2	B&W photograph of Harry Ham wearing a straw hat. This is a side profile shot. [his obituary is taped to this photograph] – N-11821	[19-]
1	2	B&W Portrait of Lady Sharp, born in Odessa. This is an older Margaret holding a cup of tea and surrounded by two women. She is in a fur coat and the three of them are sitting on a couch. – N-11822	March 10, 1947
1	2	B&W photograph of Eno (nee Breden Ham) Johnson in hat and coat, with gloves in hand and her purse under her arm – N-11823	1926
1	3	B&W photograph of Margaret Breden Hamm sitting in a chair in a dress holding a fan in her right hand – N-11824	June 1906

Series 2: Publications – 1918 – 1 item

Scope and Content

The series consists of the self published book by Eno Ham Johnson of her trip to India from Mexico in 1908. It contains diary entries and reminiscences of when she and her first husband travelled to these countries. At the back of the book is a photograph of her 29th wedding anniversary along with two clippings.

Notes:

Source of supplied title:

Title based on contents of series.

Arrangement:

Series arranged by archivist.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Folder Listing:

Box	File #	Description	Dates
Series 2: Publications			
1	1	Book: From Mexico to India / by Eno Ham Johnson	1918

Series 2: Clippings – [19-] – 2 folders

Scope and Content

Series consists of two folders, one containing three newspaper obituary clippings and another containing two copies of the same genealogical chart of the Breden, Ham and Sharp families.

Notes:

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Arrangement:

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Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Folder Listing:

Box	File #	Description	Dates
Series 2: Clippings			
1	1	Newspaper clippings of several death notices: John Hicks, son of late Stephen Hicks of Ernestown; Mrs. Stephen Lapum (Jane Darling); Wm. Wellington son of Stephen and married Clara Bredin.	[19-]
1	2	Genealogy tree of Breden Ham Family	[19-]